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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. TAUSCHER).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

November 8, 2007.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ELLEN O. TAUSCHER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

As the creator and guide of the universe, we turn to You, praise You and thank You for the visit yesterday that reminded us of our history and pleaded for renewed friendship between the United States and the Republic of France.

Yesterday, Lord, we were also blessed with the visit of the Religious Council of Jerusalem. Religious leaders of the three great Abrahamic faiths, Jewish, Christian, and Muslim, after their meetings in the Holy City were moved by Your spirit acting within them to come to Capitol Hill. Here they gave witness to common concerns and prayerful hopes for peace in the Holy City where they live.

Lord, hear their prayer, lest the rocks themselves cry out with the anguished cry of Your people who seek justice and reconciliation.

May the mindful process and experience of this interfaith Council of Jerusalem be imitated across our Nation and in the Holy Land so that mutual understanding can build trust. Without compromising religious faith, they are on the road to peace by creating com-

mon agreement on principles and formulating a common language in secular terms. Thus will they together give You glory, now and forever. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. FLAKE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. FLAKE led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 680. An Act to ensure proper oversight and accountability in Federal contracting, and for other purposes.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 10 one-minute on each side of the aisle.

### WAR DESTRUCTIVE OF NATIONAL AGENDA

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, the Defense bill contained a request for millions of dollars to retrofit B-2 Stealth bombers so they can carry 30,000-pound bombs, bunker busters, which would be germane to the administration's intention of attacking Iran. Imagine for a moment 30,000-pound bombs dropped on nuclear research labs in Natanz and in Bushehr, and you have a humanitarian and ecological disaster on your hands.

Now, the case for war against Iran is being built on lies, just as the case for war against Iraq was built on lies. Nearly 4,000 troops dead; nearly a million innocent Iraqis perished in the conflict; borrowing money from China to fight a war against Baghdad.

It is time to impeach this Vice President for leading this country into a war that is so destructive of our national agenda. It is time for us to reclaim our Constitution and to reclaim the troops.

### SEND H.R. 4104 TO PRESIDENT

(Mr. WICKER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WICKER. Madam Speaker, House Democrats have failed in their misguided attempt to hold veterans spending hostage. Yesterday the Senate voted to delink the MilCon-VA bill from the Labor-HHS conference report. The Senate's action was commendable and should have been expected.

Veterans groups from around the Nation have made it clear it is wrong and cynical to use their bill for political purposes. Now the Democratic majority is saying they will not even try to have this vital legislation on the President's desk by Veterans Day. But there is a way out of this box.

Yesterday, I introduced the MilCon-VA conference agreement as a stand-

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